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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on 25 August 2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Referring to claims 1, 2, 4-11-14, 20-25, 26, 36-40, these claims have included as an amendment subject matter that was not originally considered in Examiner's search. According to MPEP 708.02 VIII (C), under special examining procedure of VIII, "Any amendment which would require broadening the search field will be treated as an improper reply." Further, see MPEP 708.02 VIII, under special examining procedure of VIII, wherein (emphasis theirs) "The examiner's search will be restricted to the subject matter encompassed by the claims.". See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. Since this application has been granted special status under the accelerated examination program, **NO** extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be permitted.

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Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 3 August 2006 was filed after the mailing date of the final office action on 1 May 2006. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gabriel L. Chu whose telephone number is (571) 272-3656. The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays between 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Scott Baderman can be reached on (571) 272-3644. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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